



**THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY
ANNOUNCES
THE ANNUAL COMPETITION FOR
THE FULBRIGHT AFRICAN RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM
(ARSP)**

The United States Embassy is pleased to invite qualified candidates to participate in the annual competition for the 2009-2010 Fulbright African Research Scholar Program (ARSP). 2 categories of grants are offered: research grants and program and curriculum development grants. The deadline for receipt of applications at the Embassy is June 30, 2008.

RESEARCH GRANTS:

Awards of 3 to 9 months are offered for African university faculty or research institute professionals to conduct research in any academic discipline at a U.S. academic or research institution beginning no earlier than August 2009 and no later than March 2010. Preference will be given to individuals who have a doctorate degree, at least three years of university teaching experience, and a productive scholarly record, and whose projects relate directly to their ongoing teaching and/or research responsibilities. Length of grants is determined by research requirements as demonstrated in the proposal.

PROGRAM AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT GRANTS:

Awards of 3 to 5 months are offered for African university faculty or administrators to conduct research in any academic discipline at a U.S. academic or research institution beginning no earlier than August 2009 and no later than March 2010. Proposals should be linked to professional duties and should demonstrate how the scholar will use the knowledge gained to develop new courses, curricula, or programs at the home institution. These grants are designed for less experienced scholars who have not had access to current research or instructional developments in their disciplines. University faculty who do not hold doctorate degrees are eligible for awards in this category, but need strong letters of reference or invitation to convince the academic review panel to nominate them for awards. Length of grants is determined by research requirements as demonstrated in the proposal.

HIV/AIDS:

The ARSP includes a special set of grants for scholars with proposals in HIV/AIDS-related research. Scholars in all academic disciplines are invited to formulate proposals with an HIV/AIDS focus. Candidates may apply either as research scholars or as program and curriculum development scholars.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants must be citizens of Mauritania or permanent residents qualified to hold a valid passport issued by that country.
2. Applicants must not have received a Fulbright grant for study, teaching, or research in the U.S. within the last five years.
3. Preference will be given to individuals who have had no experience or only limited experience in the United States.
4. Proposals involving doctoral dissertation research, postdoctoral research immediately following completion of a doctoral degree, or general professional travel, are ineligible.
5. Proposals for clinical medical research involving physician training, patient care and contact cannot be approved under the Fulbright Program.
6. Applicants must have sufficient English proficiency to carry out their research projects and collaborate effectively with colleagues. TOEFL exams are not required, but Posts may choose to institute local English language testing if necessary to evaluate applicants' language skills.
7. Applicants must be in good health. Successful candidates will be asked to submit a Medical History and Examination Report.
8. Scholars who were unsuccessful in previous competitions may re-apply. Repeat applicants should revise their proposals, update curriculum vitae, obtain current letters of reference, and complete the 2009-2010 application form.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON APPLICATIONS

1. Applicants may download the application from the Embassy Website at http://mauritania.usembassy.gov/fulbright_programs.html
2. Letters of invitation or identification of potential host colleagues or institutions may be part of an application, but they are not required. Applicants are discouraged from requesting affiliation with an alma mater. The Fulbright Program enables scholars to broaden their professional contacts as well as their understanding of the diversity of U.S. academic programs in their disciplines. Applicants unfamiliar with U.S. institutions and scholars may rely on CIES to recommend suitable placements.
3. For those applicants selected for awards, CIES will honor their preferences for U.S. university hosts as far as possible. ECA/A/E/AF will make final decisions on U.S. host institution selections in consultation with Posts and CIES.
4. Scholars must indicate the type of grant for which they are applying (research or program and curriculum development). ECA/A/E/AF and CIES will assign scholars who do not indicate a preference to the appropriate category.